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The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HARRIS of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The department shall plan, create, develop, operate or arrange
4 for, administer and evaluate a comprehensive and integrated
5 state-wide program of services, including preventive services, for
6 children and youths whose behavior does not conform to the law or to
7 acceptable community standards, or who are mentally ill, including
8 deaf and hearing impaired children and youths who are mentally ill,
9 emotionally disturbed, substance abusers, delinquent, abused,
10 neglected or uncared for, including all children and youths who are or
11 may be committed to it by any court, and all children and youths
12 voluntarily admitted to, or remaining voluntarily under the
13 supervision of, the commissioner for services of any kind. Services

14 shall not be denied to any such child or youth solely because of other
15 complicating or multiple disabilities. The department shall work in
16 cooperation with other child-serving agencies and organizations to
17 provide or arrange for preventive programs, including, but not limited
18 to, teenage pregnancy and youth suicide prevention, for children and
19 youths and their families. The program shall provide services and
20 placements that are clinically indicated and appropriate to the needs of
21 the child or youth. In furtherance of this purpose, the department
22 shall: (1) Maintain the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and other
23 appropriate facilities exclusively for delinquents; (2) develop a
24 comprehensive program for prevention of problems of children and
25 youths and provide a flexible, innovative and effective program for the
26 placement, care and treatment of children and youths committed by
27 any court to the department, transferred to the department by other
28 departments, or voluntarily admitted to the department; (3) provide
29 appropriate services to families of children and youths as needed to
30 achieve the purposes of sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, as amended
31 by this act, 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, and 17a-51; (4) establish
32 incentive paid work programs for children and youths under the care
33 of the department and the rates to be paid such children and youths
34 for work done in such programs and may provide allowances to
35 children and youths in the custody of the department; (5) be
36 responsible to collect, interpret and publish statistics relating to
37 children and youths within the department; (6) conduct studies of any
38 program, service or facility developed, operated, contracted for or
39 supported by the department in order to evaluate its effectiveness, and
40 for any new such program, service or facility established after July 1,
41 2008, whose funding exceeds twenty million dollars in a single fiscal
42 year, require an external evaluation to analyze and assess the
43 outcomes of the program, service or facility; (7) establish staff
44 development and other training and educational programs designed to
45 improve the quality of departmental services and programs, provided
46 no social worker trainee shall be assigned a case load prior to
47 completing training, and may establish educational or training
48 programs for children, youths, parents or other interested persons on

49 any matter related to the promotion of the well-being of children, or
50 the prevention of mental illness, emotional disturbance, delinquency
51 and other disabilities in children and youths; (8) develop and
52 implement aftercare and follow-up services appropriate to the needs of
53 any child or youth under the care of the department; (9) establish a
54 case audit unit to monitor each area office's compliance with
55 regulations and procedures; (10) develop and maintain a database
56 listing available community service programs funded by the
57 department; (11) provide outreach and assistance to persons caring for
58 children whose parents are unable to do so by informing such persons
59 of programs and benefits for which they may be eligible; and (12)
60 collect data sufficient to identify the housing needs of children served
61 by the department and share such data with the Department of
62 Economic and Community Development.

63 [(b) The department shall prepare and submit biennially to the
64 General Assembly a five-year master plan. The master plan shall
65 include, but not be limited to: (1) The long-range goals and the current
66 level of attainment of such goals of the department; (2) a detailed
67 description of the types and amounts of services presently provided to
68 the department's clients; (3) a detailed forecast of the service needs of
69 current and projected target populations; (4) detailed cost projections
70 for alternate means of meeting projected needs; (5) funding priorities
71 for each of the five years included in the plan and specific plans
72 indicating how the funds are to be used; (6) a written plan for the
73 prevention of child abuse and neglect; (7) a comprehensive mental
74 health plan for children and adolescents, including children with
75 complicating or multiple disabilities; (8) a comprehensive plan for
76 children and youths who are substance abusers, developed in
77 conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
78 Services pursuant to the provisions of sections 19a-2a and 19a-7; and
79 (9) an overall assessment of the adequacy of children's services in
80 Connecticut. The plan shall be prepared within existing funds
81 appropriated to the department.]

82 (b) (1) The department, with the assistance of the State Advisory

83 Council on Children and Families, and in consultation with
84 representatives of the children and families served by the department,
85 providers of services to children and families, advocates, and others
86 interested in the well-being of children and families in this state, shall
87 develop and regularly update a single, comprehensive strategic plan
88 for meeting the needs of children and families served by the
89 department. In developing and updating the strategic plan, the
90 department shall identify and define agency goals and indicators of
91 progress, including benchmarks, in achieving such goals. The strategic
92 plan shall include, but not be limited to: (A) The department's mission
93 statement; (B) the expected results for the department and each of its
94 mandated areas of responsibility; (C) a schedule of action steps and a
95 time frame for achieving such results and fulfilling the department's
96 mission that includes strategies for working with other state agencies
97 to leverage resources and coordinate service delivery; (D) priorities for
98 services and estimates of the funding and other resources necessary to
99 carry them out; (E) standards for programs and services that are based
100 on research-based best practices, when available; and (F) relevant
101 measures of performance.

102 (2) The department shall begin the strategic planning process on
103 July 1, 2008. The department shall hold regional meetings on the plan
104 to ensure public input and shall post the plan and the plan's updates
105 and progress reports on the department's web site. The department
106 shall submit the strategic plan to the State Advisory Council on
107 Children and Families for review and comment prior to its final
108 submission to the General Assembly and the Governor. On or before
109 July 1, 2009, the department shall submit the strategic plan, in
110 accordance with section 11-4a, to the General Assembly and the
111 Governor.

112 (3) The commissioner shall track and report on progress in
113 achieving the strategic plan's goals not later than October 1, 2009, and
114 quarterly thereafter, to said State Advisory Council. The commissioner
115 shall submit a status report on progress in achieving the results in the
116 strategic plan, in accordance with section 11-4a, not later than July 1,

117 2010, and annually thereafter to the General Assembly and the
118 Governor.

119 (c) The department shall prepare a plan to keep children who are
120 convicted as delinquent and will be committed to the Department of
121 Children and Families and placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training
122 School in such facility for at least one year after their referral to the
123 department, which plan shall include provisions for development of a
124 comprehensive approach to juvenile rehabilitation.

125 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17a-6 of the general statutes is
126 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
127 *1, 2008*):

128 (b) Administer in a coordinated and integrated manner all
129 institutions and facilities which are or may come under the jurisdiction
130 of the department and [may] shall appoint advisory groups for any
131 such institution or facility.

132 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The facilities that come
133 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families, as
134 enumerated in section 17a-32 of the general statutes, shall submit an
135 annual report to the State Advisory Council on Children and Families
136 and to their respective advisory groups, established pursuant to
137 subsection (b) of section 17a-6 of the general statutes, as amended by
138 this act. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Aggregate
139 profiles of the residents; (2) a description of and update on major
140 initiatives; (3) key outcome indicators and results; (4) costs associated
141 with operating the facility; and (5) a description of educational,
142 vocational and literacy programs, and behavioral, treatment and other
143 services available to the residents and their outcomes. Each report
144 submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be posted on the
145 department's web site.

146 (b) Such advisory groups shall respond to their facility's annual
147 report, as required by subsection (a) of this section, and provide any
148 recommendations for improvement or enhancement that they deem

149 necessary.

150 (c) The Department of Children and Families shall serve as
151 administrative staff of such advisory groups.

152 Sec. 4. Section 17a-27f of the general statutes is repealed and the
153 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

154 [(a) The Department of Children and Families shall establish a
155 public safety committee in the municipality in which the Connecticut
156 Juvenile Training School is located. The committee shall be composed
157 of the superintendent of said school and representatives appointed by
158 the chief elected official of the municipality. The committee shall meet
159 not less than quarterly to review safety and security issues which affect
160 the host municipality.]

161 [(b)] At the time the Connecticut Juvenile Training School becomes
162 operational, the Department of Children and Families shall ensure that
163 a community security and alert system [shall be] is functional.

164 Sec. 5. Section 46a-13l of the general statutes is repealed and the
165 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

166 (a) The Child Advocate shall:

167 (1) Evaluate the delivery of services to children by state agencies
168 and those entities that provide services to children through funds
169 provided by the state;

170 (2) Review periodically the procedures established by any state
171 agency providing services to children to carry out the provisions of
172 sections 46a-13k to 46a-13q, inclusive, with a view toward the rights of
173 the children and recommend revisions to such procedures;

174 (3) Review complaints of persons concerning the actions of any state
175 or municipal agency providing services to children and of any entity
176 that provides services to children through funds provided by the state,
177 make appropriate referrals and investigate those where the Child

178 Advocate determines that a child or family may be in need of
179 assistance from the Child Advocate or that a systemic issue in the
180 state's provision of services to children is raised by the complaint;

181 (4) Pursuant to an investigation, provide assistance to a child or
182 family who the Child Advocate determines is in need of such
183 assistance including, but not limited to, advocating with an agency,
184 provider or others on behalf of the best interests of the child;

185 (5) Periodically review the facilities and procedures of any and all
186 institutions or residences, public or private, where a juvenile has been
187 placed by any agency or department;

188 (6) Recommend changes in state policies concerning children
189 including changes in the system of providing juvenile justice, child
190 care, foster care and treatment;

191 (7) Take all possible action including, but not limited to, conducting
192 programs of public education, undertaking legislative advocacy and
193 making proposals for systemic reform and formal legal action, in order
194 to secure and ensure the legal, civil and special rights of children who
195 reside in this state;

196 (8) Provide training and technical assistance to attorneys
197 representing children and guardians ad litem appointed by the
198 Superior Court;

199 (9) Periodically review the number of special needs children in any
200 foster care or permanent care facility and recommend changes in the
201 policies and procedures for the placement of such children;

202 (10) Serve or designate a person to serve as a member of the child
203 fatality review panel established in subsection (b) of this section; and

204 (11) Take appropriate steps to advise the public of the services of the
205 Office of the Child Advocate, the purpose of the office and procedures
206 to contact the office.

207 (b) There is established a child fatality review panel composed of
208 thirteen permanent members as follows: The Child Advocate, or a
209 designee; the Commissioners of Children and Families, Public Health
210 and Public Safety, or their designees; the Chief Medical Examiner, or a
211 designee; the Chief State's Attorney, or a designee; a pediatrician,
212 appointed by the Governor; a representative of law enforcement,
213 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; an attorney,
214 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; a social work
215 professional, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; a
216 representative of a community service group appointed by the speaker
217 of the House of Representatives; a psychologist, appointed by the
218 majority leader of the House of Representatives; and an injury
219 prevention representative, appointed by the minority leader of the
220 House of Representatives. A majority of the panel may select not more
221 than three additional temporary members with particular expertise or
222 interest to serve on the panel. Such temporary members shall have the
223 same duties and powers as the permanent members of the panel. The
224 chairperson shall be elected from among the panel's permanent
225 members. The panel shall, to the greatest extent possible, reflect the
226 ethnic, cultural and geographic diversity of the state.

227 (c) The panel shall review the circumstances of the death of a child
228 placed in out-of-home care or whose death was due to unexpected or
229 unexplained causes to facilitate development of prevention strategies
230 to address identified trends and patterns of risk and to improve
231 coordination of services for children and families in the state. Members
232 of the panel shall not be compensated for their services, but may be
233 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
234 their duties.

235 (d) On or before January 1, 2000, and annually thereafter, the panel
236 shall issue an annual report which shall include its findings and
237 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on its
238 review of child fatalities for the preceding year.

239 (e) Upon request of two-thirds of the members of the panel and

240 within available appropriations, the Governor, the General Assembly
241 or at the Child Advocate's discretion, the Child Advocate shall conduct
242 an in-depth investigation and review and issue a report with
243 recommendations on the death or critical incident of a child. The
244 report shall be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly and
245 the commissioner of any state agency cited in the report and shall be
246 made available to the general public.

247 (f) Any state agency cited in a report issued by the Office of the
248 Child Advocate, pursuant to the Child Advocate's responsibilities
249 under this section, shall submit a written response to the report and
250 recommendations made in the report to the Office of the Child
251 Advocate and, in the case of a report pursuant to subsection (e) of this
252 section, to the child fatality review panel not later than sixty days after
253 the receipt of such report and recommendations. The agency shall also
254 submit a copy of such response to the Governor and the General
255 Assembly. The response shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
256 Proposed corrective actions to address identified problems; and (2) a
257 time frame for implementation of improvements.

258 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The Chief Medical Examiner shall provide timely notice to
259 the Child Advocate and to the chairperson of the child fatality review
260 panel of the death of any child that is to be investigated pursuant to
261 section 19a-406.

262 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Any agency having responsibility for the custody or care of
263 children shall provide timely notice to the Child Advocate and the
264 chairperson of the child fatality review panel of the death of a child or
265 a critical incident involving a child in its custody or care.

266 Sec. 6. Section 17a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
267 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

268 (a) There shall be a State Advisory Council on Children and
269 Families which shall consist of seventeen members appointed by the
270 Governor, including at least five persons who are child care
271 professionals, two persons aged eighteen to twenty-five, inclusive,

272 served by the Department of Children and Families, one child
273 psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this state and at least one
274 attorney who has expertise in legal issues related to children and
275 youth. The balance of the advisory council shall be representative of
276 young persons, parents and others interested in the delivery of services
277 to children and youths, including child protection, behavioral health,
278 juvenile justice and prevention services. No less than fifty per cent of
279 the council's members shall be parents or family members of children
280 who have received, or are receiving, behavioral health services, child
281 welfare services or juvenile services and no more than half the
282 members of the council shall be persons who receive income from a
283 private practice or any public or private agency that delivers mental
284 health, substance abuse, child abuse prevention and treatment, child
285 welfare services or juvenile services. Members of the council shall
286 serve without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in
287 the performance of their duties. The department shall provide the
288 council with funding to facilitate the participation of those members
289 representing families and youth, as well as for other administrative
290 support services. Members shall serve on the council for terms of two
291 years each and no member shall serve for more than two consecutive
292 terms. The commissioner shall be an ex-officio member of the council
293 without vote and shall attend its meetings. Any member who fails to
294 attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all meetings
295 during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. The
296 council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to act in the
297 chairperson's absence.

298 (b) The council shall meet quarterly, and more often upon the call of
299 the chair or a majority of the members. The council's meetings shall be
300 held at locations that facilitate participation by members of the public,
301 and its agenda and minutes shall be posted on the department's web
302 site. A majority of the members in office, but not less than six
303 members, shall constitute a quorum. The council shall have complete
304 access to all records of the institutions and facilities of the department
305 in furtherance of its duties, while at all times protecting the right of
306 privacy of all individuals involved, as provided in section 17a-28 of the

307 2008 supplement to the general statutes.

308 (c) The duties of the council shall be to: (1) Recommend to the
309 commissioner programs, legislation or other matters which will
310 improve services for children and youths, including behavioral health
311 services; (2) annually review and advise the commissioner regarding
312 the proposed budget; (3) interpret to the community at large the
313 policies, duties and programs of the department; [and] (4) issue any
314 reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of
315 Children and Families; (5) establish a committee, in accordance with
316 this subdivision, to fulfill the state's mental health planning and
317 advisory council responsibilities under Public Laws 99-660, 101-639
318 and 102-321. The committee shall be appointed by the chairperson of
319 the council and shall consist of individuals who are knowledgeable
320 about issues relative to children and youth in need of behavioral health
321 services and family supports, including, but not limited to, parents and
322 guardians of children and youth with behavioral health needs; (6)
323 assist in the development of and review and comment on the strategic
324 plan developed by the department, pursuant to subsection (b) of
325 section 17a-3, as amended by this act; (7) receive on a quarterly basis
326 from the commissioner a status report on the department's progress in
327 carrying out the strategic plan; (8) independently monitor the
328 department's progress in achieving its goals as expressed in the
329 strategic plan; and (9) offer assistance and provide an outside
330 perspective to the department so that it may be able to achieve the
331 goals expressed in the strategic plan.

332 Sec. 7. Section 17a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
333 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

334 As used in sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, as amended by this
335 act, 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, 17a-127 and 46b-120 of the 2008
336 supplement to the general statutes, unless otherwise provided in said
337 sections:

338 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Children and
339 Families;

340 (2) "Council" means the State Advisory Council on Children and
341 Families;

342 [(3) "Advisory committee" means the Children's Behavioral Health
343 Advisory Committee to the council;]

344 [(4)] (3) "Department" means the Department of Children and
345 Families;

346 [(5)] (4) "Child" means any person under sixteen years of age;

347 [(6)] (5) "Youth" means any person at least sixteen years of age and
348 under nineteen years of age;

349 [(7)] (6) "Delinquent child" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto
350 in section 46b-120 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes;

351 [(8)] (7) "Child or youth with behavioral health needs" means a child
352 or youth who is suffering from one or more mental disorders as
353 defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric
354 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders";

355 [(9)] (8) "Individual service plan" means a written plan to access
356 specialized, coordinated and integrated care for a child or youth with
357 complex behavioral health service needs that is designed to meet the
358 needs of the child or youth and his or her family and may include,
359 when appropriate (A) an assessment of the individual needs of the
360 child or youth, (B) an identification of service needs, (C) an
361 identification of services that are currently being provided, (D) an
362 identification of opportunities for full participation by parents or
363 emancipated minors, (E) a reintegration plan when an out-of-home
364 placement is made or recommended, (F) an identification of criteria for
365 evaluating the effectiveness and appropriateness of such plan, and (G)
366 coordination of the individual service plan with any educational
367 services provided to the child or youth. The plan shall be subject to
368 review at least every six months or upon reasonable request by the
369 parent based on a changed circumstance, and be approved, in writing,
370 by the parents, guardian of a child or youth and emancipated minors;

371 [(10)] (9) "Family" means a child or youth with behavioral health
372 needs and (A) one or more biological or adoptive parents, except for a
373 parent whose parental rights have been terminated, (B) one or more
374 persons to whom legal custody or guardianship has been given, or (C)
375 one or more adults who have a primary responsibility for providing
376 continuous care to such child or youth;

377 [(11)] (10) "Parent" means a biological or adoptive parent, except a
378 parent whose parental rights have been terminated;

379 [(12)] (11) "Guardian" means a person who has a judicially created
380 relationship between a child or youth and such person that is intended
381 to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by the transfer to
382 such person of the following parental rights with respect to the child or
383 youth: (A) The obligation of care and control; (B) the authority to make
384 major decisions affecting the child's or youth's welfare, including, but
385 not limited to, consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment
386 in the armed forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical
387 treatment; (C) the obligation of protection of the child or youth; (D) the
388 obligation to provide access to education; and (E) custody of the child
389 or youth;

390 [(13)] (12) "Serious emotional disturbance" and "seriously
391 emotionally disturbed" means, with regard to a child or youth, that the
392 child or youth (A) has a range of diagnosable mental, behavioral or
393 emotional disorders of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria
394 specified in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric
395 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders",
396 and (B) exhibits behaviors that substantially interfere with or limit the
397 child's or youth's ability to function in the family, school or community
398 and are not a temporary response to a stressful situation;

399 [(14)] (13) "Child or youth with complex behavioral health service
400 needs" means a child or youth with behavioral health needs who needs
401 specialized, coordinated behavioral health services;

402 [(15)] (14) "Transition services" means services in the areas of

403 education, employment, housing and community living designed to
404 assist a youth with a serious emotional disturbance who is
405 transitioning into adulthood; and

406 [(16)] (15) "Community collaborative" means a local consortium of
407 public and private health care providers, parents and guardians of
408 children with behavioral health needs and service and education
409 agencies that have organized to develop coordinated comprehensive
410 community resources for children or youths with complex behavioral
411 health service needs and their families in accordance with principles
412 and goals of Connecticut Community KidCare.

413 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 17a-22b of the general statutes is
414 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
415 *1, 2008*):

416 (a) Each community collaborative shall, within available
417 appropriations, (1) complete a local needs assessment which shall
418 include objectives and performance measures, (2) specify the number
419 of children and youths requiring behavioral health services, and (3)
420 specify the number of children and youths actually receiving
421 community-based and residential services and the type and frequency
422 of such services. [, and (4) complete an annual self-evaluation process
423 and a review of discharge summaries.] Each community collaborative
424 shall submit its local needs assessment to the Commissioner of
425 Children and Families and the Commissioner of Social Services.

426 Sec. 9. Section 17a-145 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
427 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
428 *1, 2008*):

429 No person or entity shall care for or board a child without a license
430 obtained from the Commissioner of Children and Families, except: (1)
431 When a child has been placed by a person or entity holding a license
432 from the commissioner; (2) any residential educational institution
433 exempted by the state Board of Education under the provisions of
434 section 17a-152; (3) residential facilities licensed by the Department of

435 Developmental Services pursuant to section 17a-227 of the 2008
436 supplement to the general statutes; (4) facilities providing child day
437 care services, as defined in section 19a-77 of the 2008 supplement to the
438 general statutes; or (5) any home that houses students participating in
439 a program described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (8) of section
440 10a-29. The person or entity seeking a child-care facility license shall
441 file with the commissioner an application for a license, in such form as
442 the commissioner furnishes, stating the location where it is proposed
443 to care for such child, the number of children to be cared for, in the
444 case of a corporation, the purpose of the corporation and the names of
445 its chief officers and of the actual person responsible for the child. The
446 Commissioner of Children and Families is authorized to fix the
447 maximum number of children to be boarded and cared for in any such
448 home or institution or by any person or entity licensed by the
449 commissioner. [Each person or entity holding a license under the
450 provisions of this section shall file annually, with the commissioner, a
451 report stating the number of children received and removed during
452 the year, the number of deaths and the causes of death, the average
453 cost of support per capita and such other data as the commissioner
454 may prescribe.] If the population served at any facility, institution or
455 home operated by any person or entity licensed under this section
456 changes after such license is issued, such person or entity shall file a
457 new license application with the commissioner, and the commissioner
458 shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the
459 facility is located of such new license application, except that no
460 confidential client information may be disclosed.

461 Sec. 10. Section 17a-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the
462 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

463 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall establish a
464 school district within the Department of Children and Families, for the
465 education or assistance of any child or youth who resides in or receives
466 day treatment at any state-operated institution or facility within that
467 department and whose needs require that his education be provided
468 within the institution in which he resides or at which he receives day

469 treatment. The school district shall be known as State of Connecticut-
470 Unified School District #2. The Commissioner of Children and
471 Families shall administer, coordinate and control the operations of the
472 school district and shall be responsible for the overall supervision and
473 direction of all courses and activities of the school district and shall
474 establish such vocational and academic education, research and
475 statistics, training and development services and programs as he
476 considers necessary or advisable in the best interests of the persons
477 benefiting therefrom. The commissioner or his designee shall be the
478 superintendent of said district and shall act in accordance with the
479 applicable provisions of section 10-157 of the 2008 supplement to the
480 general statutes.

481 (b) The superintendent of the school district shall have the power to
482 (1) establish and maintain within the Department of Children and
483 Families such schools of different grades as he may from time to time
484 require and deem necessary; (2) establish and maintain within the
485 department such school libraries as may from time to time be required
486 in connection with the educational courses, services and programs
487 authorized by this section; (3) purchase, receive, hold and convey
488 personal property for school purposes and equip and supply such
489 schools with necessary furniture and other appendages; (4) make
490 agreements and regulations for the establishing and conducting of the
491 district's schools and employ and dismiss, in accordance with the
492 applicable provisions of section 10-151, such teachers as are necessary
493 to carry out the intent of this section and to pay their salaries; (5)
494 receive any federal funds or aid made available to the state for such
495 programs and shall be eligible for and may receive any other funds or
496 aid whether private, state or otherwise, to be used for the purposes of
497 this section.

498 (c) The superintendent of the school district may cooperate with the
499 federal government in carrying out the purposes of any federal law
500 pertaining to the education of students within his school district, and
501 may adopt such methods of administration as are found by the federal
502 government to be necessary, and may comply with such conditions as

503 may be necessary to secure the full benefit of all such federal funds
504 available.

505 [(d) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall annually
506 evaluate the progress and accomplishments of the school district
507 established in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Said
508 commissioner shall submit annual evaluation reports to the
509 Commissioner of Education in order to apprise the State Board of
510 Education of the true condition, progress and needs of said school
511 district. Said commissioner shall follow procedures adopted by the
512 Commissioner of Education in preparation of annual evaluation
513 reports.]

514 Sec. 11. Section 17a-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the
515 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

516 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families and the
517 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish performance measures
518 in the areas of finance, administration, utilization, client satisfaction,
519 quality and access for Connecticut Community KidCare.

520 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop and
521 implement, within available appropriations, culturally appropriate
522 and competency-based curricula including best practices for the care of
523 children and youths with, or at risk of, behavioral health needs and
524 offer training to all willing persons involved in Connecticut
525 Community KidCare, including, but not limited to, employees in
526 education and child care and appropriate employees within the
527 judicial system.

528 [(c) The Commissioners of Children and Families and Social
529 Services shall, within available appropriations, design and conduct a
530 five-year independent longitudinal evaluation with evaluation goals
531 and methods utilizing an independent evaluator. The evaluation shall
532 assess changes in outcomes for individual children, youths and
533 families, evaluate the effectiveness of the overall initiative in the early
534 phases to guide future expansion of Connecticut Community KidCare

535 and examine benefits, costs and cost avoidance achieved by it. Such
536 evaluation may include, but is not limited to, the following: (1)
537 Utilization of out-of-home placements; (2) adherence to system of care
538 principles; (3) school attendance; (4) delinquency recidivism rates; (5)
539 satisfaction of families and children and youths with Connecticut
540 Community KidCare as assessed through client satisfaction surveys;
541 (6) coordination of Connecticut Community KidCare with the juvenile
542 justice, child protection, adult behavioral health and education
543 systems; and (7) the quality of transition services.]

544 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) The Commissioner of
545 Children and Families and the Chief Court Administrator shall
546 establish, within available appropriations, a pilot program to integrate
547 the initial written plan for care, treatment and permanent placement of
548 children and youth required under section 17a-15 of the general
549 statutes, with the specific steps for family reunification ordered by the
550 court pursuant to subsection (j) of section 46b-129 of the 2008
551 supplement to the general statutes. The Commissioner of Children and
552 Families, in consultation with said Chief Court Administrator, shall
553 designate one Department of Children and Families area office to
554 participate in the pilot program. The pilot program shall terminate not
555 later than October 1, 2010.

556 (b) A court services officer of the court participating in the pilot
557 program shall be responsible for convening a meeting to promptly
558 develop the initial treatment plan and proposed specific steps for the
559 child and family, and shall invite the parents or guardians, the child or
560 youth, when appropriate, and their respective attorneys, department
561 staff responsible for developing and implementing treatment plans,
562 and individuals involved in assessing needs and providing services for
563 the child and family. Whenever possible, such meetings shall be
564 convened at times and held in places that maximize the likelihood that
565 children, youth and their parents or guardians will be able to attend.

566 (c) Following the meeting, the court shall order specific steps that
567 the parent must take to facilitate the return of the child or youth to the

568 custody of such parent. In addition to satisfying the requirements set
569 forth in subsection (a) of section 17a-15 of the general statutes for the
570 Department of Children and Families' written plan for the care,
571 treatment and permanent placement of every child under the
572 commissioner's supervision, the plan shall also include, but not be
573 limited to: (1) Assessment of the health and welfare of the child or
574 youth; (2) an evaluation of the problems and strengths of each child or
575 youth; (3) the proposed plan of treatment services and temporary
576 placement, and a goal for permanent placement of the child or youth;
577 and (4) specific planning goals and clear, comprehensive, time-
578 sensitive action steps for educational and behavioral health needs.

579 (d) The Commissioner of Children and Families and the Chief Court
580 Administrator shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
581 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
582 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
583 judiciary and the select committee of the General Assembly having
584 cognizance of matters relating to children not later than February 1,
585 2011, concerning the results of such pilot program. The report shall
586 include an independent assessment of the impact of the pilot program
587 on the quality of initial written treatment plans, consistency between
588 initial treatment plans and specific steps, and participation of parents
589 or guardians, the child or youth, when appropriate, and their
590 respective attorneys, department staff responsible for developing and
591 implementing initial treatment plans, and individuals involved in
592 assessing needs and providing services for the child or youth and his
593 or her family. The report shall also include a recommendation on
594 whether the program should be expanded state-wide.

595 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 17a-450a of the 2008 supplement to
596 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
597 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

598 (b) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
599 constitute a successor department to the addiction services component
600 of the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services. Whenever

601 the words "Commissioner of Public Health and Addiction Services" are
602 used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words
603 "Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be
604 substituted in lieu thereof and whenever the words "Department of
605 Public Health and Addiction Services" are used or referred to in the
606 following general statutes, the words "Department of Mental Health
607 and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 4a-12 of
608 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, [17a-3,] 17a-465a, 17a-670
609 to 17a-676, inclusive, 17a-678 to 17a-682, inclusive, 17a-684 to 17a-687,
610 inclusive, 17a-691, 17a-694, 17a-710, 17a-712, 17a-713 19a-89c, 20-74o,
611 20-74p, 20-74q, 21a-274a, 54-36i and 54-56g of the 2008 supplement to
612 the general statutes.

613 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 17a-210c of the 2008 supplement to
614 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
615 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

616 (b) Whenever the term "Commissioner of Mental Retardation" is
617 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the
618 term "Commissioner of Developmental Services" shall be substituted
619 in lieu thereof: 4-5 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 4b-3
620 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 4b-23 of the 2008
621 supplement to the general statutes, 8-3e of the 2008 supplement to the
622 general statutes, 10-76i of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes,
623 [17a-4a,] 17a-22a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-
624 210 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-212, 17a-212a of
625 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-214 of the 2008
626 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-215a of the 2008 supplement to
627 the general statutes, 17a-215b of the 2008 supplement to the general
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641 247a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-248 of the 2008
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653 592 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-593 of the 2008
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 671 the general statutes, 46a-11a of the 2008 supplement to the general
 672 statutes, 46a-11c of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 46a-11f
 673 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 54-56d of the 2008
 674 supplement to the general statutes, 54-102g of the 2008 supplement to
 675 the general statutes and 54-102h of the 2008 supplement to the general
 676 statutes.

677 Sec. 15. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Sections 17a-4a, 17a-6b, 17a-6c, 17a-21,
 678 17a-91a, 17a-116b and 46b-121m of the general statutes are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-3
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-6(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-27f
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	46a-13l
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-4
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-1
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-22b(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-145
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-37
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-22c
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-450a(b)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-210c(b)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	Repealer section

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below
Children & Families, Dept.; Judicial Department	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 would require that an external evaluation be conducted of any new program, service or facility developed after 7/1/08 by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) that exceeds a cost of \$20 million per fiscal year. To the extent that the agency would not otherwise conduct such an evaluation, this may result in future increased costs to the state at any time when a program of this magnitude is created. At this time, no new program meeting this cost threshold is anticipated. A comprehensive evaluation of a large scale program would be expected to cost at least \$200,000.

Sections 1-3, 6-11, and 13-15 make numerous substantive and technical changes related to: (a) DCF's planning efforts; (b) the structure and role of advisory councils to the Commissioner of Children and Families; and (c) various reporting mandates involving DCF. Taken as a whole, these changes can be accommodated within the department's normally budgeted resources.

Section 4 repeals a public safety committee in Middletown. Representatives of the Middletown School Board may experience a workload reduction to the extent that they would no longer have to participate in meetings. This section also makes a technical change.

Section 5 requires any state agency cited in an official report issued by the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to submit a written response within 60 days after it receives the report. These provisions will not result in a fiscal impact to OCA or other state agencies.

Section 12 establishes a pilot program (which would expire no later than October 1, 2010) at one court location to combine the first treatment plan meeting, which is usually held at a DCF area office, with the initial case status conference in a pending neglect case, which is held at a courthouse. Under the bill, a court services officer must convene these meetings. Consolidation of these conferences will result in no fiscal impact to either agency.

The bill requires an independent assessment of the impact of the pilot program to be included within a report to be submitted by 2/1/11. Actual costs of retaining an outside entity to complete this work would depend upon the number of cases examined and the scope of the review, which cannot be determined in advance. However, a study of moderate scope would be anticipated to cost about \$25,000. It is unknown how these costs would be divided amongst the two agencies.

The Out Years

The potential cost associated with ensuring that an evaluation is done of any new program exceeding \$20 million would continue in future years subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 174*****AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill:

1. requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to develop and regularly update a single, comprehensive, strategic plan;
2. expands the authority and oversight of the State Advisory Council on Children and Families with respect to DCF programs and services;
3. requires, rather than allows, DCF to establish advisory groups for each facility it operates (i.e., Connecticut Children's Place, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS), High Meadows, Riverview Hospital, and the Wilderness School) and provide them administrative staff;
4. requires DCF to obtain an external evaluation that analyzes and assesses the outcomes of any program, service, or facility it establishes on or after July 1, 2008 whose funding exceeds \$20 million in a single fiscal year; and
5. directs DCF and the juvenile court to establish a pilot program to integrate DCF's treatment plan for abused and neglected children with the court's orders concerning specific steps their parents must take in order to regain custody.

The bill also eliminates several reporting requirements, advisory councils, and committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008, except for the DCF-juvenile court pilot program provisions, which are effective October 1, 2008.

§ 1 — STRATEGIC PLAN

The bill eliminates a requirement that DCF submit to the legislature a five-year master plan every two years. Instead, with the assistance of the State Advisory Council on Children and Families (SAC), it must develop and regularly update a single, strategic plan for meeting the needs of the children and families it serves. In developing and updating the plan, DCF must identify and define agency goals and indicators of progress in achieving them, including benchmarks.

The plan must include:

1. a mission statement;
2. the expected results in each of its mandated areas of responsibility (i.e., child welfare, juvenile justice, children's mental health and substance abuse services, and child abuse and neglect prevention);
3. a schedule of action steps for achieving the expected results and fulfilling its mission that includes strategies for working with other state agencies to leverage resources and coordinate service delivery;
4. priorities for services and estimates of funding and other resource needs to implement them;
5. program and service standards that are modeled on research-based best practices, when available; and
6. relevant performance measures.

The bill requires DCF to begin the strategic planning process on July

1, 2008. It directs the department to consult with representatives of children and families it serves, advocates, and others interested in child well-being when developing and updating the plan.

DCF must hold regional meetings to ensure the public has input on the plan's contents; it must post the plan, updates, and progress reports on its website. Before submitting the plan to the legislature and governor, which must occur by July 1, 2009, DCF must submit it for review and comment to SAC.

Progress Reports

Under the bill, the DCF commissioner must track progress in achieving the plan's goals and file quarterly reports with SAC beginning October 1, 2009. She must submit annual progress reports to the legislature and governor beginning July 1, 2010.

§ 6 — STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

By law, SAC makes recommendations to DCF about programs, legislation, and other matters to improve services; annually advises the commissioner on her proposed budget; explains DCF's policies, duties, and programs to the public; and issues reports to the governor and commissioner on an as-needed basis. Nine of its 17 members are parents or relatives of children receiving, or who have received, DCF services; five are child-care professionals; one is an attorney; and one is a child psychiatrist. The governor appoints members to two-year terms and may reappoint them once. The DCF commissioner is an ex officio council member.

The bill adds two members aged 18 to 25 who have received or are receiving DCF services. It is unclear how this can be implemented, as 16 of the 17 members must have other statutory qualifications.

It also requires that the designated attorney member have expertise in children's legal issues. And it requires DCF to give SAC funding to facilitate the participation of the family and youth members and for administrative support services.

The bill requires the council to hold its meetings at locations that facilitate public participation. DCF must post the council agenda and minutes on its web site.

New Duties

The bill assigns SAC the following new duties:

1. establishing a committee to fulfill the state's mental health planning and advisory council responsibilities under various federal laws,
2. assisting DCF in developing its strategic plan and reviewing and commenting on it before the department issues its report to the legislature and governor,
3. receiving quarterly reports from the commissioner concerning the department's progress in carrying out the strategic plan,
4. independently monitoring the department's progress in achieving the strategic plan's goals, and
5. offering the department assistance and providing it an outside perspective so that it may be able to achieve its goals.

The bill also gives the council express authority to recommend to the commissioner programs, legislation, or other matters concerning behavioral health services for children and youth. And it eliminates the council's Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee which is composed of 24 public members who must fairly and adequately represent parents of children who have a serious emotional disturbance and eight state agency representatives. Currently, the committee provides SAC with (1) annual status reports on local systems of care and practice standards for state-funded children's behavioral health programs and (2) biennial recommendations concerning the provision of behavioral health services to Connecticut children.

§ 3 — FACILITY REPORTS TO SAC AND ADVISORY GROUPS

The bill requires each DCF facility to submit an annual report to SAC and its advisory group. The report must include:

1. aggregate profiles of residents;
2. descriptions of, and updates on, major initiatives;
3. key outcome indicators and results;
4. its operating costs; and
5. descriptions of its (a) educational, vocational, and literacy programs and (b) behavioral, treatment, and other services for residents and their outcomes.

DCF must post these reports on its website. The bill directs the advisory groups to respond to their facility's annual report and provide recommendations for improvements that they deem necessary.

§ 12 — DCF-JUVENILE COURT PILOT PROGRAM

The bill directs the DCF commissioner and Judicial Branch's chief court administrator to establish a pilot program to integrate (1) the department's initial plan for care, treatment, and permanent placement of children who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of abuse and neglect with (2) the juvenile court's orders directing their parents to take specific steps to get their children back. The commissioner must consult with the chief court administrator to designate one DCF area office to participate in the pilot program. The program must be administered within appropriations and must end by October 1, 2010.

Procedure

Under the bill, a Judicial Branch court support services officer must convene a meeting to promptly develop the initial treatment plan and specific steps for the child and family. The officer must invite the parents or guardians, child or youth, and respective attorneys; DCF staff responsible for developing and implementing treatment plans;

and people involved in assessing the child or youth's and family's needs and providing services. Whenever possible, meetings should be scheduled and held in places that maximize the likelihood that the youngsters and families will be able to attend.

After the meeting, the court must issue an order identifying the specific steps that the parent must take to facilitate regaining custody. DCF's written treatment plan for the child or youth must include a diagnosis of the child's problems, proposed treatment services, and temporary and permanent placement goals (these are already required by law) as well as:

1. an assessment of the child or youth's health and welfare;
2. an evaluation of his or her problems and strengths; and
3. specific planning goals and clear, comprehensive, time-sensitive action steps for meeting educational and behavioral health needs.

Reporting

The DCF commissioner and Judicial Branch chief court administrator must report on the pilot program's results to the Children's, Human Services, and Judiciary committees by February 1, 2011. The report must include a recommendation on whether the program should be expanded state-wide.

It must also include an independent assessment of the program's impact on:

1. the quality of DCF's initial written treatment plans;
2. consistency between treatment plans and the contents of the court's specific steps orders; and
3. participation by parents and guardians, children and youth, and their respective attorneys; DCF staff responsible for treatment planning; and people providing assessments and services.

§ 5 — STATE AGENCY RESPONSES TO CHILD ADVOCATE REPORTS

The bill requires any state agency cited in an official report issued by the child advocate to submit a written response to the child advocate within 60 days after it receives the report. If the report is the product of the child advocate's in-depth investigation into the death or a critical incident of a child, the agency must also send copies of its response to the Child Fatality Review Panel, the governor, and the legislature. Agency responses must include proposed corrective actions to address identified problems and a time frame for implementing improvements.

§§ 10, 11, & 13-15 — ELIMINATING REPORTS AND ADOPTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The bill eliminates obsolete reporting statutes and the following mandated reports:

1. annual self-evaluations by community collaboratives participating in Connecticut KidCare, the state's child behavioral health program;
2. CJTS advisory group ongoing reviews and DCF annual reports on their findings and recommendations;
3. annual child care facility reports from DCF- or Department of Developmental Services licensees;
4. annual DCF reports containing delinquency statistics and new facility plans;
5. annual performance reports on DCF's Unified School District #2;
6. quarterly reports from hospitals to DCF concerning psychiatric services provided to children; and
7. DCF's monthly reports to the Public Health and Human Services committees concerning hospitalized children receiving subacute psychiatric care due to a lack of community-based services.

The bill also eliminates an advisory committee that studies and makes annual reports to DCF on programs to promote adoption of minority and hard-to-place foster children and a committee that is currently required to make quarterly reviews of safety and security issues at CJTS that affect Middletown.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/18/2008)